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1. British representatives favor Chinese Communist recognition--
US Consul General Singapore transmits an account of the conference of top British officials in Singapore, according to which the representatives have advised the UK Government to extend de jure recognition to the Chinese Communist regime by the end of 1949, if possible. The report of the British conference indicates that British representatives in Southeast Asia recognize that such British action might facilitate Communist activity in Malaya and might discourage the new Bao Dai regime in Indochina, but they believe recognition to be nonetheless desirable from a general as well as a regional point of view. Indicating that this account of the Singapore conference was being given in accord with the US-UK agreement to have full consultation on the question of recognizing the Communist regime, one British official said that the British Cabinet's final decision would be made after the report of the conference had been received, together with the reports of British diplomats who have consulted with the US and other governments on the recognition question.

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